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REMARKS

Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 1 includes the subject matter of allowable claim 3, and is further supported, for instance, at page 6, lines 19-23 of Applicant's specification. Accordingly, claim 3 is canceled. Claim 11 is added and is supported, for example, at page 8, lines 15-18. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-2, 4-5 and 11 are pending.

Claim 1 is objected to for informalities. Claim 1 is amended to revise the language "push-pull converter" to "the push-pull converter" as suggested by the Examiner.

Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobayashi (JP 6-156379) in view of Kishi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,540,174) newly cited.

Claim 1 includes the same limitations as allowable claim 3 and further defines the disposition of the push-pull converter as described in Applicant's specification. Claim 1 further defines the allowable features of claim 3 by including that the push-pull converter is disposed in the personal watercraft at a position directly under the steering handle, where the position defined as being spaced from an axis located directly under the steering handle or on the axis of the steering handle. (Original claim 3 and Page 6, lines 19-23.) Claim 3 is allowable over Kobayashi et al. and Kishi et al separately or in combination.

Claims 2, 4-5, and 11 depend upon claim 1. Therefore, these claims are allowable over Kishi et al. and Kobayashi either alone or in combination for at least the same reasons with respect to claim 1 and need not be separately addressed. Applicant does not concede the correctness of the rejection with respect to claims 2, 4-5, and 11, and reserves the right to present additional arguments with respect to any of claims 2, 4-5, and 11 at a later date.

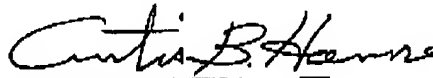
Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

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With the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that the pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Allowance of the case in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. If any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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